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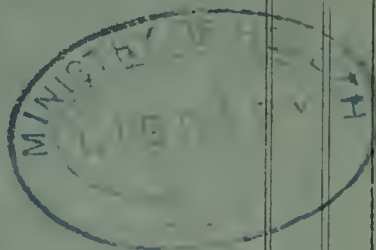
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**Ammanford Urban
District Council.**

**Medical Officer of
Health's**

Report

For 1949.



"Amman Valley Chronicle," Ammanford.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1949.

				M.	F.
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	...	...	...	8	2
Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	1	0
Cancer	...	...	...	5	10
Intra-Cranial Vascular Disease	...	...	...	5	4
Heart Diseases	...	...	...	16	12
Other Diseases of Circulating System	...	...	...	0	4
Bronchitis	...	...	...	3	2
Pneumonia	...	...	...	1	1
Other Respiratory Diseases	...	...	...	6	0
Digestive Diseases	...	...	...	1	0
Nephritis	...	...	...	1	0
Congenitive Malformations	}				
Birth Injuries		...	...	1	0
Diseases of Infancy					
Road Accident	...	...	...	1	0
Other Violent Causes	...	...	...	2	1
All other Causes	...	...	...	5	2
				<hr/> 56	<hr/> 38

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases.				Deaths.			
Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
7	6	1	0	8	2	1	0

Tuberculosis.

The Welsh National Memorial Association holds a Clinic every Tuesday at 10.30 a.m. at 24a, Quay Street. Dr. J. T. Jones and a Nurse are in attendance.

The allowance scheme for Tuberculosis sufferers is under the care of a Sub-Committee of the Public Health Committee.

HOSPITAL PROVISION.

- For Infectious Fevers ... Tumble Isolation Hospital.
Penygroes Isolation Hospital.
Hill House, Swansea.
These are under the control of the County Council.
- For Tuberculosis ... Hospital treatment for this Disease is undertaken by the Welsh National Memorial Association.

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| 3. General | ... | Swansea Hospital.
Amman Valley Hospital.
Morrison Hospital. |
| 4. Accidents | ... | Swansea Hospital.
Morrison Hospital. |
| 5. Maternity | ... | Amman Valley Hospital.
Carmarthen Hospital.
Abercennen Institution, Llandilo. |
| 6. Orthopædic | ... | Swansea Hospital.
Morrison Hospital.
Cardiff—under School Clinic. |
| 7. Unmarried Mothers
Illegitimate Infants
Homeless Children | | Accommodation is provided at the
Abercennen Institution, Llandilo. |
| 8. Venereal Diseases
(Free Treatment) | | Swansea Hospital.
Llanelli Hospital. |

CLINICS.

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| Ante-Natal Clinic | ... | 1 At the Clinic, High Street,
on Tuesday Mornings. Dr. G.
Herbert and Nurses in attendance.

2. Amman Valley Hospital,
Mondays, at 1 p.m. |
| Infant Welfare | ... | At the Clinic, High Street, every
other Tuesday afternoon. Dr.
A. Morgan and Nurses in attend-
ance. |
| School Clinics: 1, Orthopædic
2, Eye | | Are held under the control of the
County Authority. |

AMBULANCE SERVICE.

A St. John's Ambulance and Car is stationed in the Town.

MIDWIVES.

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There are three fully qualified Midwives residing and practising in the Area.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Supply of Water for the District was again plentiful throughout the year, and the Filters and Chlorination Plant have worked satisfactorily. Some difficulty is being experienced in maintaining a constant supply to the higher reaches of the district, but everything possible is done in this direction. On the whole, the supply was good and fairly regular. The Joint Water Board is faced with abnormal pressure conditions, a wide variation of pressure as between day and night being inseparable from the present supply system, but a Hydrostat fixed on Ammanford Square assists materially in maintaining a supply for the higher regions, consumption per head is in the region of 40 gallons per day. The water is sampled regularly by the Joint Water Board, and reports are satisfactory. The entire population is served direct, there being no stand-pipes.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The Sewers have again functioned throughout the year without trouble. The system is by gravitation to the Disposal Works, and is under the control of the Amman Valley Joint Sewerage Board.

A few properties remain to be connected, and it is hoped that, with a return to stable conditions, it will be possible to obtain 100 per cent. connection of all possible properties.

RIVERS, ETC., POLLUTION.

During the year there has been no serious pollution of rivers in the district. The most serious source of pollution at present is the discharge of washery effluents from Collieries. These effluents are treated by subsidence before discharge, and when the tanks are kept clear of silt, the effluents are discharged in a fairly clean condition.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

The statistics in this matter are as follows:—

No. of Houses with Closets on the Water Carriage System connected to Sewers	...	...	...	...	1785
No. of Houses with Closets on the Water Carriage System connected to Cesspits, remaining to be connected to Sewers					3
No. of Houses with Closets built on the Conservancy System, not able to connect to Sewers	...	...	...	...	8
No. of Houses remaining to be connected	...	...	...	...	2

The matter of securing the connection of the remaining Houses is now in hand, and it is hoped that connection will have been secured before the end of the year.

PUBLIC CLEANSING—DRY REFUSE.

The Council undertakes the removal of all Dry House Refuse, collection being made by the Council Lorry twice weekly from all parts of the Town. The Refuse when collected, is tipped at Myddynfych Farm, Rhydymaerdy and Bettws Park. All tipping-grounds, with the exception of Bettws Park, are outside the Urban Area. Trade Refuse from Fruiterers' and Fishongers' shops is disposed of by the Tradesmen by tipping on a farm near Bettws Mountain. In my opinion, immediately the supply position improves, steps should be taken to enforce the provision by householders of proper Dustbins, as all kinds of insanitary receptacles are now used. It has always been the exception to see a proper covered Dustbin in the streets of the Town, all kinds of boxes, tins and buckets being used for the purpose. Under the provisions of Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936, the provision of a proper covered Dustbin can be enforced.

PRIVIES, CESSPITS, ETC.

The contents of the remaining Pail Closets are buried by the Householders in their gardens, and the Cesspits, being built on the soakaway principle, no clearance is required, the subsoil being of a porous nature.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA,

No. of Inspections made for Nuisances ...	...	...	765
No. of Informal Notices served ...	...	...	91
No. of Statutory Notices served ...	...	...	Nil
No. of Water Leakage Inspections ...	...	...	270
No. of Water Leakage Notices ...	...	...	121

CAMPING SITES.

There are no Licences now in force; those at the Old Chemical Works having been withdrawn and the persons concerned having been housed by the Council.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No action was necessary under this head.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are no Swimming Baths or Pools in the Urban Area.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

No. of Council Houses found to be infested ...	...	Nil
No. of other Houses found to be infested ...	...	Nil
No. of Houses disinfested ...	...	Nil

SCHOOLS.

There are five Schools in the Area and two Private Schools, and frequent visits are paid to them. The sanitary condition of the Schools is excellent, each being provided with modern sanitary conveniences connected to the Sewers, and with an abundant supply of Water from the Council mains.

SPECIAL CLASSES OF PREMISES SUBJECT TO CONTROL OF LOCAL AUTHORITY.

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the Area, nor are there any Registered Houses let in Lodgings.

HOUSING.

Inspection of Houses during the year:—

- 1.—(a) Total number of Dwelling Houses inspected for Housing Defects under Public or Housing Act ... 151
- (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose ... 161
- 2.—Number of Dwelling Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... Nil
- 3.—Number of Houses found to be not in all respects fit for human habitation ... 40

Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice:

Number of Defective Dwelling Houses rendered fit during the year in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... 31

*Action under Statutory Powers during the Year—**(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:—*

- (1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring Defects to be remedied ... 18
- (2) Number of Dwelling Houses which were made fit after Service of Formal Notices ... 18

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Act:—

- (1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring to be remedied ... 12
- (2) Number of Dwelling Houses in which Defects were remedied after Service of Formal Notice ... 12

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936:—

- (1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Order were made ... 2

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

No action was taken, as there are no Tenements or Underground Rooms occupied in the Area ... Nil

Housing Act, 1936—Part IV. Overcrowding:—

(a)—(1) Number of Houses Overcrowded at the end of the year	43
(2) Number of Families Dwelling therein	89
(3) Number of Persons Dwelling there	254
(b)—Number of new cases of Overcrowding reported during the year	14
(c)—(1) Number of cases of Overcrowding relieved during the year	23
(2) Number of Families Dwelling therein	24

Good progress is now being made with the provision of new Houses, and it is anticipated that a number of cases of overcrowding will be relieved during 1950.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF THE FOOD SUPPLY. MILK.

Number of Purveyors of Milk on the Register	34
Number of Cowsheds in the Urban Area	14
Number of Milk Shops in the Urban Area	5
Number of Inspections made	140
Number of Producers from outside who retail Milk in the Urban Area	10

Four Retailers sell Pasteurised Milk, which is produced, treated and bottled outside the Area, and one sells T.T. Milk, also brought into the Area from outside.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Foodstuffs exposed for sale in the shops are regularly examined so as to protect the Public from the consumption of Unsound Food. The general quality is not of the same standard as in pre-War years, but this is probably true of all parts of the country. Meat is now brought into the district from Ministry Stores and Abattoirs, so no slaughtering is done at Ammanford.

BAKEHOUSES.

Number of Bakehouses on the Register	6
Number of Inspections made	19

ADULTERATION OF FOOD.

The County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority for the Area. No action was taken by the Local Authority in the matter.

NUTRITION.

Dissemination of Knowledge:—

Particulars of any special work	Nil
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INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

- Number of Houses fumigated after cases of Infectious Diseases	23
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Free Disinfectants are supplied by the Council, and the rooms are fumigated with Formalin Vapour after the period of isolation is ended, or immediately the patient is removed to hospital. No facilities exist in the district for the cleansing of verminous persons or their goods.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

Number of Factories on the Register	...	...	...	58
Number of Inspections made	...	...	...	161

All defects brought to the notice of Factory owners and managements were attended to.

CONTROL OF RATS AND MICE.

Much good work has been done in the control of the Rat population. Under the terms of the Infestation Order, 1943, an Operator is kept at work regularly on Rodent Control. It is the practice to service the Sewers twice in each year, Refuse Tips being dealt with as required. Many premises where heavy infestations have been discovered, have been cleared of Rats, and no evidence of their return has been found after the lapse of a considerable period of time. The financial assistance received from the Ministry of Food and, latterly, from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, has made it possible to give free service to all householders, and it is hoped that this assistance will not be withdrawn so that the continued co-operation of householders can be obtained, as a large number of Rats are destroyed by following up complaints and reports received from all parts of the Town.

The Rats destroyed, and in fact the Pre-bait takes, prove that since the inception of the Scheme under the Infestation Order, the number of Rats in the Town has been considerably reduced.

The "Prevention of Damage by Pests" Act will make the Scheme work more efficiently and prevent any risk of ground once gained being lost afterwards

Your obedient Servant,

ROWLAND A. McMILLAN.

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